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Agenda for ~~August~~ September board meeting:

Dave DeFebo's WB9BWP, house, 7:00 PM ----- **S67 W12620 Larkspur Rd**, Muskego ----- I will be listening on 146.07/67 (127.3 PL) repeater (I can hit it with a hand held in my house).

1 – XMAS PARTY UPDATE
- Ed and who?
- Gordon West for real?
- Buffet – what should it be?
- Prizes? - Harry Cieszki donated one of his paintings (i have it) We should send him a thank you letter.
- Flowers?
- Gift (has been pen, pin, hat)? What?
- Cost?
- Maybe not really for the party (at least not for this year) - Should the club give some sort of special member recognition? Or just read off names of people who worked for club in the last year.
- Letter/invite to other club presidents?

2 - ARRL
- We are an affiliated club. Means must have at least 50% of our membership ARRL. We guess (lie) and say 100. We should try to find out how bad we are. We should also encourage ARRL membership - they are our only national voice.
- We have discussed the $2 for processing membership renewals and decided it was not worth the effort. For new ARRL members, we would get to keep $5. Maybe if there are a number of people we should do that.
- Along the political line, elections for director and vice director are coming up. There are actually multiple people running for both positions. I think the club should act like a real political group and come out in favor (or maybe against) candidates. I personally would **NOT** vote for Metzger and Huntington. Neither have done even the slightest thing for Wisconsin and MRAC. They do not even respond to correspondence.

3 - DATABASE/MAILING LIST?
- Progress?
- Who will do mailing? Jerry would like to pass it off. Dick does it because Jerry lives close and dragged him into it.

4 - CHATTER MAKEOVER

5 - VEC
- How's things?
- FYI: Badger Examiners charges $6.25 for ALL passed tests (pay one fee at a session 'till you fail).

6 - MEETING
- Hal Newton will do refreshments again (I think).
- Anything on tap for October and/or November?
- When is November meeting (Thanksgiving, board meeting when too)?

7 – MISC
- Tables and chairs and hats, shirts, whatever
- AES club discount program - was 9/1/97-9/1/98, club gets 1% of total members spending based on copies of members receipts turned in. We missed it. May be 98-99 thou...should try for it.
- FCC has released addendum to their rules proposal.

We did not do too bad at the last board meeting as to finishing by 9 (with a late start we finished at 9:20). Let's keep shooting for 9 PM with BS after. See you all Monday...

MRAC Board Meeting 8/24/98

The meeting was held at Jerry, KC9EV's QTH. The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Jerry was asked when will he purchase the tables and chairs that were approved at the previous meeting. Jerry says that he will wait until they are on sale, so he can get the nicest ones possible.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasures report -- Total liquid assets $3293.52 Total including CD's $9293.52.

The board decided to give away the repeater to any club member that wants it or take it to Radio Recyclers. Both the old Motorola and the tube type GE must be taken.
Because of all the interference from the Michigan repeater the board has decided to put our repeater on PL of 127.3 so our repeater is not constantly tripped by the Michigan one. When the skip is good our own people can't use the repeater due to extreme interference and capture effect from the high power Michigan boys. Ed says the VA was hoping to get rich quick on us and wanted a considerable sum to put our repeater on their roof. They wanted over $100.00 per month.

VEC testing will start on Saturday this week with Ed at the controls. Pancho has put the details into the Chatter. Ed says that he still doesn't have the new General Class test, so he will continue to use the existing ones until he receives the new ones. Ed is also making a new VE volunteer list and says he needs more volunteers for this coming year. Advanced class people can now sign the General and Tech CSCE's.

The board has decided the put plans for the MRAC school on hold until the FCC comes out with the new license proposals. Should they decide to give General Class privileges to 5 wpm holders and Advance and Extra to 12 wpm holders, the demand for code classes and theory should skyrocket. We might consider a Tech school if AES doesn't do it anymore.
Dave says that if anyone from the club wants a class and can get several people to take it, we may make a special exception and try to have a class.

The idea of having a club data base was discussed. We need someone to generate the data and create a new roster, mailing labels and update the data every few months or so. Brian KB9LCQ has volunteered to take on this task.

A motion was made to set up a charge account at Office Depot so anyone can pick up the Chatter without having to use their own money to pay for the printing. The Chatter's come stapled and folded, so only stamps and address labels need be added. Brian will make a years supply of labels and Ken W9MOT will provide the money for the stamps in advance. Dave says that over half of the membership dues goes to getting the Chatter out during the year. It has been decided that electronic publishing of the Chatter is just too much work and since we have no volunteer this idea is on permanent hold.

Pancho says that he is almost ready to start with the new format on the Chatter.

Dave -- I guess that I will have to appoint several people to take care of the food at the club meetings. Since I have no volunteers.

The club meeting program for September will be on Spark Transmitters by Jim WB9LNU. Besides the 1910 spark transmitter seen at the earlyer meetings, Jim has a new 1898 unit that was battery powered and they used a knife switch for a key. The capacitor was made with a pyrex cake dish and aluminum foil.

Next meeting, we will start getting most of the details ironed out for the Xmas party.

Thanks to Jerry for the use of his QTH and the goodies.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary